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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X --- Y	US 5,899,693 A (HIMENO et al.) 04 May 1999, see entire document.	1,3-5, 13, 17-19 ----- 10-12, 14-16
X --- Y	US 2003/0096213 A1 (HICKOK et al.) 22 May 2003, see entire document.	1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 13, 17-19 ----- 10-12, 14-16, 20, 21 1, 2, 4, 5
X --- Y	US 3,368,280 A (FRIEDMAN et al.) 13 February 1968, see figures 1-4.	1, 3, 4, 9, 13 ----- 5-8, 10-12, 14-21
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